

# Measure 5-281

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May 19, 2020 Primary Election

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## Notice of Measure County

### Notice

#### Date of Notice

3.18.20

#### Name of County or Counties

Columbia County

#### Date of Election

May 19, 2020

**Final Ballot Title** The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

**Caption** 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Renewal of Columbia County Jail Operating Levy

**Question** 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall Columbia County renew a levy of \$.5797/\$1000.00 of assessed value for four years beginning in FY2022 for Jail Operations? This measure renews current local option taxes.

**Summary** 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

In 2014, voters approved a three year levy for all Jail operations. In 2017, voters approved a four year renewal levy for all Jail operations which will expire in 2020.

The three primary funding sources for the Jail are the County's General Fund, Federal bed rentals, and the existing Jail Operating Levy. Since the 2014 levy passed, the County General Fund support for the Jail has remained consistent. Federal bed rental revenue has also remained stable but is not a guaranteed revenue source. The County cannot fully fund operation of the Jail without renewal of the Levy.

Prior to the 2014 Levy, the County was required to reduce Jail beds for local inmates to 25, and anticipated a full closure of the Jail without the Levy. The operating Levy currently supports a total of 100 local beds, and funding for the constitutionally required food, clothing, management, and health care for inmates. Renewal of the Levy will pay for continued operation for the Jail through FY 2024-2025. The estimated money raised will be \$3,179,844 in FY 2021-2022, \$3,282,306 in FY 2022-2023, \$3,388,069 in FY 2023-2024, and \$3,497,240 in FY 2024-2025, for an estimated total Levy of \$13,347,459.

**Explanatory Statement** 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the county governing body; or  
→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

**Explanatory Statement Attached?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Authorized County Official** Not required to be notarized.

#### Name

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#### Title

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*By signing this document:*

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the county to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and  
→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Signature

Date Signed

Alex Tardif

3-18-2020